RECASTING OF INTEGRATED RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

3250. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what are the details of recasting of IRDP (Integrated Rural Development Programme) which will enable beneficiary families to receive more funds ; and

(b) whether such a move will restrict this programme from covering more population ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI PATEL): (a) The Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) is modified from time to time to enable more effective implementation. The need for increasing the level of per family investment has been recognised as an important factor in enabling families to generate additional income. In view of this the monetary ceiling on per family subsidy was revised by Rs. 1000 for all categories of IRDP beneficiaries with effect morfl. 1993.

(b) There is no more to restrict the programme from covering more population. However, this depends on budget outlay. Target for 1993-94 is to cover 25.7 lakh families compared to 18.75 lakh families in 1992-93.

SETTING UP OF WASTELAND DEVELOPMENT BOARD IN ORISSA

3251. SHRI BASANT KUMAR DAS : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) in which financial year the Wasteland Development Board was set up in Kalahandi district of Orissa;

(b) what is budget out-lay of the project and for which period;

(c) how much of the sanctioned amount has been spent so far and in which sector, year-wise;

(d) whether any instances have come to the notice of Government regarding destruction of the natural forest and felling of the restricted species in those forests where this scheme is under implementation; and

(e) the number of forest cases that have been registered against the officials ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WASTELAND DEVELOPMENT) (COL. RAM SINGH): (a) to (e)-The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

SHORTAGE OF DRINKING WATER IN RURAL GARHWAL

3252. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an actue shortage of drinking water in the villages of District Pauri Garhwal in U.P.;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a chamber constructed for fulfillig the requirement of the people of Kaleshwar